What is claimed is:

1.   A method of monitoring billing for real time transcription of spoken word to a textual format comprising:

communicatively coupling a computer aided transcription system to a remote system;

identifying, by the remote system, the computer aided transcription system communicatively coupled thereto;

communicating, by the remote system, to the computer aided transcription system an authorization for a predetermined amount of transcription;

transcribing, by the computer aided transcription system, representations of spoken words to text in real time; and

disabling, by the computer aided transcription system, transcription after the predetermined amount of transcription has been reached.